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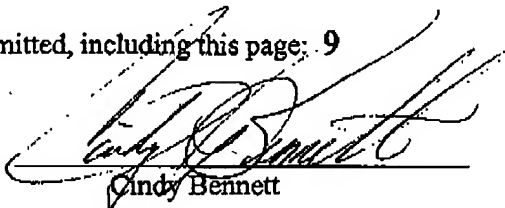
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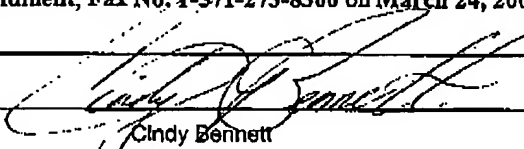
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In response to the Office Action mailed December 29, 2005, please amend the
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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this
paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.